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Chairman Michael Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th St NW  
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Dear Chairman Michael Powell,

Ref: The Public Safety Broadband Trust

I am writing to express support for the creation of a Public Safety Broadband Trust and to allocate 30 MHz of radio spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band for building and maintaining a nationwide broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to have access to the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

More important, we need to also have the Amateur Radio Community included in this opportunity for providing additional emergency communication as they have done in the past. If Amateurs are not included, then additional spectrum will become available, but the local manpower, radio and communication resources will not be maximized and used. Katrina and all other disasters illustrate the need to add significant additional manpower and capability when the local situation has overwhelmed local first responder resources.

We need to enhance the basic model for large disasters for emergency response: *Each local area is responsible for planning for adverse situations and providing the initial response to the situation.* Additional resources can only be mobilized and used after a significant time delay which needs to be minimized. There will always be insufficient local resources to cope with an overwhelming situation. However, the loss of life and material damage can be minimized if additional resources are available and can be mobilized to rapidly respond. Thus, they, the Amateur community, can help attain the maximum impact. Additional trained communication resources are required for this to happen. One cannot expect to have the adjacent community, County, State and Federal resources do it all. This was the first problem with Katrina!

I urge you and all of Congress to pass legislation early in the First Session of the 110th Congress to enable the creation of a Public Safety Broadband Trust. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, these air waves will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes only and this opportunity will be lost forever. This is unacceptable.

The Public Safety Broadband Trust will provide public safety with critical additional spectrum and deploy broadband access to rural America while also preserving the ability of commercial carriers to both operate on this spectrum and/or participate in the auction of the remaining 30 MHz in the 700 MHz band.

Please prioritize public safety by creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust and providing it with the right spectrum needed for state of the art public safety communications. Public safety deserves the same communications tools that we take for granted on a daily basis. As a nation, we need to make it a priority to provide our first responders with the most robust capabilities in which to protect life and property.

Sincerely,



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